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Resolution

2008/1
Venue and dates of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia

The Economic and Social Council,

Having considered the letter dated 27 February 2008 from the Executive Secretary of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia[1] informing the Council of the offer of the Government of Yemen to host the twenty-fifth session of the Commission,

1. *Expresses its gratitude* to the Government of Yemen for its generous offer;

2. *Approves* the holding of the twenty-fifth session of the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia in Sana'a from 26 to 29 May 2008.

[1] E/2008/3.

Decisions

2008/201 A
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 1st meeting, on 14 January, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

The Council re-elected Brazil to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission until 22 June 2008.

2008/201 B
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd meeting, 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected **Slovakia** to fill a postponed vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-ninth session in 2011.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS

The Council elected **Denmark** to fill a postponed vacancy for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008 to fill a vacancy arising from the resignation of Norway.

Appointments

Committee of Experts on Public Administration

The Council appointed Jennifer **Dorn** (United States of America), for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 31 December 2009, to fill a vacancy arising from the passing of Dennis **Rondinelli** (United States of America).

Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

The Council took note of the appointment by the Secretary-General of Christian **Comolet-Tirman** (France), Liselott **Kana** (Chile) and Robin **Oliver** (New Zealand) to

the Committee for a term beginning on the date of appointment and expiring on 30 June 2009, to fill vacancies arising from the resignation of, respectively, Pascal **Saint-Amans** (France), Patricia **Brown** (United States of America) and Nobuyuki **Nakamura** (Japan).

2008/201 C
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

At its 6th plenary meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Economic and Social Council took the following action with regard to vacancies in its subsidiary and related bodies:

Elections

Statistical Commission

The Council elected the following eight Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Armenia**, **China**, **Germany**, **Japan**, **Mexico**, **the Netherlands**, **Suriname** and **the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

Commission on Population and Development

The Council elected the following 13 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-third session and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-sixth session in 2013: **Bangladesh**, **Belarus**, **Belgium**, **Brazil**, **Côte d'Ivoire**, **Cuba**, **the Democratic Republic of the Congo**, **Germany**, **Haiti**, **Israel**, **Pakistan**, **Rwanda** and **Switzerland**.

The Council also elected **Finland** and **the Netherlands** to fill outstanding vacancies on the Commission for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring at the close of the Commission's forty-fifth session in 2012.

The Council postponed the election of one member from Asian States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-third session and expiring at the close of its forty-sixth session in 2013.

Commission for Social Development

The Council elected the following 13 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-first session in 2013: **Albania**, **China**, **Denmark**, **Ethiopia**, **Haiti**, **Iran (Islamic Republic of)**, **Italy**, **Lesotho**, **Mauritius**, **the Netherlands**, **the Philippines**, **Qatar** and **Switzerland**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States, one member from Eastern European States and two members from Latin American and Caribbean States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's forty-eighth session and expiring at the close of its fifty-first session in 2013.

Commission on the Status of Women

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a four-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's fifty-fourth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's fifty-seventh session in 2013: **Belarus, Colombia, Germany, Guinea, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Mauritania, Nicaragua** and **Rwanda**.

Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice

The Council elected the following 19 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Algeria, Austria, Belgium, China, the Comoros, Cuba, El Salvador, Germany, Ghana, Japan, Kenya, Lesotho, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Republic of Korea, Romania, the Russian Federation, the Sudan, Thailand** and **Uruguay**.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Commission on Sustainable Development

The Council elected the following 14 Member States for a three-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's eighteenth session and expiring at the close of the Commission's twentieth session in 2012: **Antigua and Barbuda, Australia, China, Colombia, Cuba, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Mauritius, Nigeria, the Philippines, the Russian Federation, Ukraine** and **the United States of America**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning at the first meeting (held in 2009) of the Commission's eighteenth session and expiring at the close of its twentieth session in 2012.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development

The Council elected the following 15 Member States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Austria, Brazil, Chile, Costa Rica, Ghana, Israel, Jordan, Mali, Oman, Pakistan, the Russian Federation, Slovakia, South Africa, Sri Lanka** and **Switzerland**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from African States, one member from Latin American and Caribbean States and two members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

The Council elected the following 10 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Botswana, China, Eritrea, Germany, Kyrgyzstan, Malta, the Russian Federation, South Africa, Sri Lanka** and **Sweden**.

The Council postponed the election of two members from African States, three members from Latin American and Caribbean States and six members from Western European and other States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights

The Council elected the following nine experts for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: Mohamed Ezzeldin **Abdel-Moneim** (Egypt), María del Rocío **Barahona Riera** (Costa Rica), Zdzislaw **Kedziá** (Poland), Sergei N. **Martynov** (Belarus), Ariranga Govindasamy **Pillay** (Mauritius), Waleed M. **Sa'di** (Jordan), Nikolaas Jan **Schrijver** (Netherlands), Philippe **Texier** (France) and **Zhan** Daode (China).

Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Bangladesh, Cuba, Finland, Liberia, Norway, the Republic of Korea, Slovenia, the Sudan, Switzerland, the United States of America** and **Uruguay**.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning their seats effective 1 January 2009: **Canada** to complete the term of office of Australia (expiring 31 December 2010), **Denmark** to complete the term of office of Austria (expiring 31 December 2009), **France** to complete the term of office of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (expiring 31 December 2009) and **Italy** to complete the term of office of Greece (expiring 31 December 2010).

Executive Committee of the Programme of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

The Council elected **Benin, Luxembourg, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia** and **Montenegro** in accordance with General Assembly resolution 62/123 of 18 December 2007.

Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Austria, Cuba, Germany, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Mauritania, Mexico, Norway, the Russian Federation, Sierra Leone, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland** and **Yemen**.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Executive Board who were resigning their seats effective 1 January 2009: **Finland** to complete the term of office of Italy; **New Zealand** to complete the term of office of Australia; and **Turkey** to complete the term of office of Ireland, all for terms expiring on 31 December 2010.

Executive Board of the World Food Programme

The Council elected the following six Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Angola, China, the Czech Republic, Guatemala, Japan** and **the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland**.

Programme Coordination Board of the Joint United Nations Programme on Human Immunodeficiency Virus/Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (HIV/AIDS)

The Council elected the following four Member States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Brazil, Denmark, Thailand** and **Turkey**.

The Council also elected the following Member States to replace members of the Programme Coordination Board who were resigning their seats: **France**, to complete the term of office of Monaco, for a term beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2010; **Ireland**, to complete the term of office of Italy, for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2009; and **the Netherlands**, to complete the term of office of Luxembourg, for a term beginning on 1 January 2009 and expiring on 31 December 2009.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme

The Council elected the following 11 Member States for a four-year term beginning 1 January 2009: **Antigua and Barbuda, Armenia, Bangladesh, China, the Czech Republic, Ethiopia, Guatemala, the Republic of Korea, Rwanda, the Sudan** and **Tunisia**.

The Council also elected **Iraq** to fill a postponed vacancy on the Governing Council for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011.

The Council postponed the election of one member from African States, one member from Asian States, one member from Latin American and Caribbean States and five members from Western European and other States for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

The Council further postponed the election of one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2008 and two members from Western European and other States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 2011.

Nominations

Committee for Programme and Coordination

The Council nominated the following 16 Member States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009: **Argentina, Armenia, Belarus, Brazil, Cuba, Guinea, India, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Italy, Kazakhstan, Nigeria, Pakistan, Spain, Swaziland, Ukraine** and **Uruguay**.

The Council postponed the nomination of one member from African States and three members from Western European and other States for election by the General Assembly for a three-year term beginning on 1 January 2009.

Appointment

Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals

The Council endorsed the decision of the Secretary-General to approve an application from **Nigeria** for membership in the Subcommittee of Experts on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals.

2008/201 D
Elections, nominations, confirmations and appointments to subsidiary and related bodies of the Economic and Social Council

Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission

At its 11th plenary meeting, on 20 June 2008, the Council decided to extend the terms of office of the following Council members elected to the Organizational Committee of the Peacebuilding Commission until 11 July 2008: **Angola**, **Brazil**, **the Czech Republic**, **Guinea-Bissau**, **Indonesia**, **Luxembourg** and **Sri Lanka**.

2008/202
Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council took note of the report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights on its thirty-sixth and thirty-seventh sessions (E/2007/22).

2008/203
Proposed date of the special high-level meeting of the Economic and Social Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided that its special high-level meeting with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development would be held at United Nations Headquarters on 14 April 2008.

2008/204
Provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council, having considered its proposed basic programme of work for 2008 and 2009,[2]

[2] E/2008/1, sect. I.

approved the proposed provisional agenda for the substantive session of 2008 of the Council and the list of documents for each agenda item, as orally corrected.

1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization (E/2006/70) (Council decision 2007/247)

2. High-level segment

A. High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey 2008 (chap. I) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

B. Thematic discussion

[To be decided]

C. Annual ministerial review: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (General Assembly resolution 61/16, para. 10, and Council decision 2007/272)

World Economic and Social Survey 2008 (chap. I) (General Assembly resolutions 118 (II) and 52/180 and Council resolution 1983/50)

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46)

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

D. Development Cooperation Forum

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on trends and progress in international development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 61/16, paras. 6 and 7)

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

3. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

(a) Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on comprehensive statistical data on operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolutions 35/81 and 62/208)[3]

Report of the Secretary-General on the functioning of the resident coordinator system (General Assembly resolution 62/208, para. 93)

Report of the Secretary-General on the management process for the implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/208, paras. 122 and 141)

Consolidated list of issues related to the coordination of operational activities (Council resolution 1998/27, para. 4)

(b) Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (E/2008/5) (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2007 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2008 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2007 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

[3] Submitted to the General Assembly through the Council.

Coordination segment

4. The role of the United Nations system in implementing the ministerial declaration of the high-level segment of the substantive session of 2007 of the Council

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 2007/261)

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[4] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 8, 13 and 14)

Report of the Secretary-General on the status of the implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the World Summit on the Information Society (General Assembly resolution 62/182)

Humanitarian affairs segment

5. Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the progress made in the strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations (General Assembly resolution 62/94 and Council resolution 2007/3)[3]

General segment

6. Implementation of and follow-up to major international United Nations conferences and summits

(a) Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Documentation

Summary by the President of the Council of the special high-level meeting of the Council with the Bretton Woods institutions, the World Trade Organization and the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (General Assembly resolution 58/230 and Council resolution 2007/30)[1]

(b) Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 62/203 and Council resolution 2007/31)[3]

[4] 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265.

7. Coordination, programme and other questions

(a) Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-eighth session (Council resolution 2008 (LX))

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2007 (Council decision 2001/321)

(b) Proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2010-2011 (General Assembly resolution 58/269)

(c) International cooperation in the field of informatics

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on action taken in follow-up on the need to harmonize and improve United Nations informatics systems for optimal utilization and accessibility by all States, including the findings of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics and an assessment of its work and mandate (Council resolution 2007/14)

(d) Long-term programme of support for Haiti

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Haiti (Council resolution 2007/13)

(e) Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2007/33 (see also under item 14 (a))

(f) Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Documentation

Report of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Guinea-Bissau (Council resolution 2007/15)

(g) Tobacco or health

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Ad Hoc Inter-Agency Task Force on Tobacco Control (Council decision 2006/248)

Report of the Secretary-General on smoke-free United Nations premises (Council resolution 2006/42)

8. Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[4] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 13 and 14)

9. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (General Assembly resolution 62/93 and Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[3]

Report of the President of the Council on consultations held with the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples (Council resolution 2007/25)

Report of the Secretary-General on support to Non-Self-Governing Territories by the specialized agencies and international institutions associated with the United Nations (Council resolution 2007/25)

10. Regional cooperation

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Economic developments in the Economic Commission for Europe region, 2008

Overview of the economic and social conditions in Africa, 2008

Summary of the *Economic and Social Survey of Asia and the Pacific*, 2008

Latin America and the Caribbean: economic situation and outlook, 2008-2009

Summary of the survey of economic and social developments in the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia region, 2007-2008

11. Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the implementation of Council resolution 2007/26[3]

12. Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decisions 1995/304 and 2007/232)

13. Economic and environmental questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant General Assembly resolutions,[4] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 8 and 14)

(a) Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its sixteenth session (Council decisions 1993/207 and 2007/235)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its tenth session (Council resolutions 1079 (XXXIX) and 1998/46

(b) Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its eleventh session (General Assembly resolutions 46/235, annex, and 56/182)

(c) Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its thirty-ninth session (Council resolutions 8 (I), 8 (II) and 1566 (L) and Council decision 2007/236)

(d) Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda (Council decision 2007/249)[3]

(e) Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its tenth special session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII), 53/242 and 62/195)[3]

Report of the Secretary-General on the continued usefulness for the Member States of the Consolidated List of Products Whose Consumption and/or Sale have been

Banned, Withdrawn, Severely Restricted or Not Approved by Governments (Council decision 2007/264)

(f) Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-first session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 2007/237)

(g) Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its seventh session (Council resolution 2007/38)

(h) International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its third session (Council resolution 2007/39)

(i) Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(j) Cartography

Documentation

Report of the Ninth United Nations Conference on the Standardization of Geographical Names, New York, 21-30 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fourth session, New York, 20 and 31 August 2007 (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

(k) Women and development

Documentation

Relevant sections of the report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (General Assembly resolution 42/178 and Council resolution 1987/24)

14. Social and human rights questions

Documentation

Updated report of the Secretary-General on the role of the Economic and Social Council in the integrated and coordinated implementation of the outcomes of and follow-up to major United Nations conferences and summits, in the light of relevant

General Assembly resolutions,[4] including resolution 61/16 (Council resolution 2007/29) (see also under items 4, 8 and 13)

(a) Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-second session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI) and Council decision 2007/239)

Report of the Secretary-General on mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system (General Assembly resolution 62/137 and Council resolutions 2006/9 and 2007/33 (see also under item 7 (e))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[3]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the future work to strengthen the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 2007/37)

(b) Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-sixth session (Council resolution 10 (III) and Council decision 2007/258)

(c) Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its seventeenth session (Council resolution 1992/1 and Council decision 2007/251)

(d) Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-first session (Council resolution 9 (I) and Council decision 2007/242)

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

(e) United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Documentation

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

(f) Comprehensive implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

(g) Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[3]

Biennial report of the Committee on the Rights of the Child (General Assembly resolution 44/25, annex)[3]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children (General Assembly resolution 62/141)[3]

(h) Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its seventh session (Council resolution 2000/22 and Council decision 2007/246)

(i) Genetic privacy and non-discrimination

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the most appropriate forum or forums for the consideration of the issue of genetic privacy and non-discrimination (Council decision 2007/269)

15. United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research, including details on the financial implications, and the status of contributions to and the financial situation of the Institute (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

2008/205
Basic programme of work of the Economic and Social Council for 2009

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council took note of the list of questions for inclusion in the programme of work of the Council for 2009 and documents for each agenda item.[5]

[5] E/2008/1, sect. II.

Substantive session of 2009

Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

Documentation

No request for advance documentation

A. High-level segment

High-level policy dialogue with international financial and trade institutions

Documentation

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009

Thematic discussion

[To be decided]

Annual ministerial review: "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to global public health"

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme (Council decision 2007/272)

World Economic and Social Survey, 2009

Relevant part of the report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session

Relevant part of the report of the Secretary-General on regional cooperation (Council decision 2004/323)

B. Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation segment

Operational activities of the United Nations for international development cooperation

Follow-up to policy recommendations of the General Assembly and the Council

Documentation

Report on trends and perspectives in funding for development cooperation (General Assembly resolution 59/250, para. 23)

Reports of the Executive Boards of the United Nations Development Programme/ United Nations Population Fund, the United Nations Children's Fund and the World Food Programme

Documentation

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Development Programme/United Nations Population Fund on its second regular session of 2008 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2009 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme and the Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Reports of the Executive Board of the United Nations Children's Fund on its second regular session of 2008 and on its first regular session and annual session of 2009 (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the United Nations Children's Fund (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Report of the Executive Board of the World Food Programme on its 2008 sessions (General Assembly resolutions 48/162, annex, and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

Annual report of the Executive Director of the World Food Programme (General Assembly resolutions 50/8 and 62/208 and Council resolution 1995/51)

South-South cooperation for development

C. Coordination segment

Coordination of the policies and activities of the specialized agencies and other bodies of the United Nations system related to the following themes

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the theme of the 2008 ministerial declaration on "Implementing the internationally agreed goals and commitments in regard to sustainable development" (Council decision 2007/272)

D. Humanitarian affairs segment

Special economic, humanitarian and disaster relief assistance

[Theme/themes to be selected]

E. General segment

Implementation of and follow-up to the major United Nations conferences and summits

Follow-up to the International Conference on Financing for Development

Review and coordination of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010

Documentation

Annual progress report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010 (General Assembly resolution 61/1 and Council decision 2001/320)[3]

Coordination, programme and other questions

Reports of coordination bodies

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its forty-ninth session

Annual overview report of the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination for 2008

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011

Documentation

Relevant sections of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 2010-2011 (Council resolution 1988/77 and General Assembly resolution 58/269)

Mainstreaming a gender perspective into all policies and programmes in the United Nations system

Ad hoc advisory groups on African countries emerging from conflict

Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS)

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Director of the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) (Council resolution 2007/32)

Calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields

Documentation

Draft calendar of conferences and meetings in the economic, social and related fields for 2010 and 2011 (Council decision 52 (LVII))

Implementation of General Assembly resolutions 50/227, 52/12 B, 57/270 B and 60/265

Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on assistance to the Palestinian people (Council resolution 2100 (LXIII))[3]

Regional cooperation

[Theme/themes to be selected]

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General (Council decision 1979/1)

Summaries of the surveys of economic conditions in the five regions prepared by the regional commissions (Council resolution 1724 (LIII))

Note by the Secretary-General transmitting the report of the Executive Secretaries of the Economic Commission for Africa and the Economic Commission for Europe on the project for a Europe-Africa fixed link through the Strait of Gibraltar (Council resolution 2007/16)

Economic and social repercussions of the Israeli occupation on the living conditions of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including Jerusalem, and the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General[3]

Non-governmental organizations

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations (Council resolutions 3 (II) and 1996/31 and Council decision 1995/304)

Economic and environmental questions

Sustainable development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Sustainable Development on its seventeenth session (Council decision 1993/207)

Report of the Committee for Development Policy on its eleventh session (Council resolution 1079 (XXXIX))

Report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the work of the United Nations Public-Private Alliance for Rural Development (Council resolution 2007/36)

Science and technology for development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Science and Technology for Development on its twelfth session (General Assembly resolution 46/235, annex)

Statistics

Documentation

Report of the Statistical Commission on its fortieth session (Council resolutions 1768 (LIV) and 1999/8)

Human settlements

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the coordinated implementation of the Habitat Agenda[3]

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat) (General Assembly resolution 56/206)[3]

Environment

Documentation

Report of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme on its twenty-fifth session (General Assembly resolutions 2997 (XXVII) and 53/242)[3]

Population and development

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Population and Development on its forty-second session (General Assembly resolution 49/128 and Council decision 1995/209)

Public administration and development

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on Public Administration on its eighth session (Council resolutions 2001/45 and 2003/60)

International cooperation in tax matters

Documentation

Report of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters on its fourth session (Council resolution 2004/69)

United Nations Forum on Forests

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Forum on Forests on its eighth session (Council resolution 2000/35 and Council decision 2007/273)

Assistance to third States affected by the application of sanctions

Cartography

Documentation

Report of the United Nations Group of Experts on Geographical Names on the work of its twenty-fifth session (Council resolutions 715 A (XXVII) and 1314 (XLIV))

Women and development

Transport of dangerous goods

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods and on the Globally Harmonized System of Classification and Labelling of Chemicals (Council resolution 2007/6)

Social and human rights questions

Advancement of women

Documentation

Report of the Commission on the Status of Women on its fifty-third session (Council resolutions 11 (II) and 1147 (XLI))

Report of the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (article 21 of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women)[3]

Report of the Executive Board of the International Research and Training Institute for the Advancement of Women (Council resolution 1998 (LX))

Social development

Documentation

Report of the Commission for Social Development on its forty-seventh session (Council resolutions 10 (III) and 1996/7)

Crime prevention and criminal justice

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice on its eighteenth session (Council resolution 1992/1)

Narcotic drugs

Documentation

Report of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs on its fifty-second session (Council resolution 9 (I))

Report of the International Narcotics Control Board (article 15 of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961; article 18 of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances, 1971; and article 23 of the 1988 United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances)

United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees

Oral report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (General Assembly resolution 58/153)

Human rights

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (Council resolutions 1988 (LX) and 1985/17)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (General Assembly resolution 48/141)[3]

Report of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General on violence against children (General Assembly resolution 62/141)[3]

Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

Documentation

Report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eighth session (Council resolution 2000/22)

United Nations research and training institutes

Documentation

Report of the United Nations System Staff College in Turin, Italy (General Assembly resolution 60/214)

Report of the Secretary-General on the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (General Assembly resolution 62/210)

Report of the Council of the United Nations University (General Assembly resolution 61/216, para. 15)

2008/206
Working arrangements for the substantive session of 2008 of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided on the following working arrangements for its substantive session of 2008:

(a) The high-level segment would be held from 30 June to 3 July 2008;

(b) Dialogue with the Executive Secretaries of the regional commissions would be held on 7 July 2008;

(c) The coordination segment would be held from 7 to 9 July 2008;

(d) The operational activities segment would be held from 10 to 14 July 2008;

(e) The humanitarian affairs segment would be held from 15 to 17 July 2008;

(f) The general segment would be held from 18 to 24 July 2008;

(g) The conclusion of the work of the Council would be on 25 July 2008.

2008/207
Operational activities segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 2nd meeting, on 5 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided that the work of the operational activities segment of its substantive session of 2008 should be devoted to the progress on and implementation of General Assembly resolution 62/208 on the triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

2008/208
Theme for the 2008 thematic discussion of the Economic and Social Council

At its 3rd meeting, on 8 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council, recalling its decision 2007/213 of 15 March 2007, in which it decided to include a discussion on promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development as part of the work of its substantive session of 2008, decided that the theme for the 2008 thematic discussion for the high-level segment would be "Promoting an integrated approach to rural development in developing countries for poverty eradication and sustainable development, taking into account current challenges".

2008/209
Theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2008 substantive session of the Economic and Social Council

At its 3rd meeting, on 8 February 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the item on regional cooperation of the 2008 substantive session would be "The regional dimension of the themes of the high-level segment for 2008".

2008/210
Convention on the Privileges and Immunities of the Specialized Agencies: revised draft annex relating to the World Tourism Organization

At its 6th meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Council decided to take note of resolution 545 (XVII) of the General Assembly of the World Tourism Organization and to recommend the revised draft annex contained in the resolution to the World Tourism Organization for final approval.

2008/211
Report of the Secretary-General on financing of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters

At its 6th meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided to defer its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on financing of the Committee of Experts on International Cooperation in Tax Matters to its substantive session of 2008.

2008/212
Economic and Social Council event to discuss relief to development

At its 6th meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided, with regard to the event to discuss relief to development, that:

(a) The theme of the event will be "Coordination in the transition phase between emergency relief and sustainable recovery";

(b) The event will be an informal activity held on the morning of 15 July 2008;

(c) The event will consist of one panel discussion and there will be no negotiated outcome.

2008/213
Theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of the 2008 substantive session of the Council

At its 6th meeting, on 29 April 2008, the Economic and Social Council decided that the theme for the humanitarian affairs segment of its substantive session of 2008 would be "Building capabilities and capacities at all levels for timely humanitarian assistance, including disaster risk reduction" and that it would convene two panels, the topics of which would be "Disaster risk reduction and preparedness: addressing the humanitarian consequences of natural disasters, including the impact of climate change", and "Humanitarian challenges related to global food aid, including enhancing international efforts and cooperation in this field".